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SUBJECT: ITU: 1979 WARC - CONSULTATION WITH AUSTRALIA

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1. ANTHONY D'ARCEY, PRINCIPAL TECHNICAL OFFICER (INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES), POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT, MELBOURNE, PASSED ALONG FOLLOWING THOUGHTS REGARDING SECOND ROUND OF CONSULTATION WITH U.S. PREPARATORY TO 1979 WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE.

A. AUSTRALIA CONSIDERS FIRST HALF OF SEPTEMBER 1978 MOST SUITABLE TIME FOR SECOND ROUND. EARLIER WOULD MEAN THAT COMMENTS ON AUSTRALIA'S (IN EFFECT) SECOND NOTICE HAD NOT YET BEEN ABSORBED. ON THE OTHER HAND, AUSTRALIA BELIEVES TALKS SHOULD BE HELD BEFORE SPECIAL PREPARATORY MEETING.

B. IMPORTANT POINT MADE BY D'ARCEY IS THAT FULL INFORMATION ON AGENDA ITEMS DESIRED BY U.S. BE FORWARDED WELL IN ADVANCE OF TALKS. HE ALSO ASKED HOW LONG U.S. ENVISAGES  
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TALKS LASTING AND WITH WHICH AUSTRALIAN OFFICIALS U.S. TEAM WISHES TO MEET.

C. D'ARCEY ASKED WHETHER TRIP PLANNED IS JUST TO AUSTRALIA OR WHETHER OTHER COUNTRIES ARE TO BE INCLUDED.

D. D'ARCEY HAD RECENTLY TALKED BY TELEPHONE WITH PETER

BARNES ABOUT FCC'S EIGHTH NOTICE OF INQUIRY (WHICH BARNES ALREADY HAD). THEY AGREED THAT 8TH NOI REPRESENTED SURPRISINGLY WIDE SWING VIS-A-VIS FIFTH NOTICE, WHICH DID SAME VIS-A-VIS THIRD. AUSTRALIANS HOPE TEAM CAN GIVE SOME IDEA WHERE U.S. IS GOING IN ITS ITERATIVE PROCESS.

E. D'ARCEY FEELS THAT TALKS SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON PROBLEM AREAS AFFECTING BOTH COUNTRIES, PASSING LIGHTLY OVER SUCH MATTERS AS REGION 2 ALLOCATIONS AND AUSTRALIAN NEEDS AT UHF.

F. D'ARCEY IS DISCUSSING WITH UK AUSTRALIAN NOTION OF ALLOCATING SOME SPECTRUM TO "MOBILE" RATHER THAN TO "LAND MOBILE" TO PERMIT MORE FLEXIBLE USE. UK IS CONSIDERING.

2. D'ARCEY SAID BOTH HE AND BARNES WERE SURPRISED THAT 8TH NOI HAD ADDED FIXED-SATELLITE SERVICE (FSS) TO 2.5 GHZ BAND, WHICH IT WOULD SHARE WITH BROADCASTING-SATELLITE SERVICE (BSS), GIVEN SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES ARISING OUT OF PRECISELY SUCH SHARING AT THE 1977 WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE ON THE BROADCASTING-SATELLITE SERVICE. IN THIS CONNECTION D'ARCEY ASKED WHETHER WE COULD PREPARE A DOCUMENT SHOWING EXISTING AND PROPOSED FSS UPLINK AND DOWNLINK BANDS. AS BACKGROUND TO THIS REQUEST, HE COMMENTED THAT INTELSAT WAS LOOKING FOR MORE SPACE-TO-EARTH SPECTRUM. CURRENT AUSTRALIAN VIEW, ON THE OTHER UNCLASSIFIED

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HAND, WAS THAT THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH UPLINK SPECTRUM RELATIVE TO DOWNLINK SPECTRUM; THIS WAS BECAUSE FSS HAD TO ACCOMMODATE ITS OWN UPLINK AND DOWNLINK CIRCUITS AS WELL AS UPLINK CIRCUITS FOR OTHER RADIOCOMMUNICATION SERVICES SUCH AS BSS. DOCUMENT REQUESTED BY AUSTRALIA COULD BE SENT AHEAD OR IF NECESSARY BROUGHT ALONG TO TALKS.

3. COMMENT:

A. D'ARCEY'S COMMENT IN SUBPARA 1B ABOUT NECESSITY OF HAVING DETAILED AGENDA HAS AT LEAST TWO POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS: (1) HE FEELS FIRST ROUND WAS HAMPERED BY FACT THAT AUSTRALIAN SIDE HAD LITTLE IDEA OF WHAT WAS TO BE DISCUSSED; AS A RESULT U.S. SIDE DID MOST OF THE TALKING. (2) ON MORE PRACTICAL SIDE, A PRECISE IDEA OF SUBJECT AREAS TO BE TOUCHED UPON IS NEEDED IN ORDER TO JUSTIFY CUTTING OF TRAVEL ORDERS FOR OFFICIALS IN OTHER CITIES WHO ARE TO BE BROUGHT IN FOR TALKS; THIS PROBABLY EXPLAINS REQUEST IN SAME SUBPARA FOR INFO ON LENGTH OF STAY AND PARTICULAR AUSTRALIAN OFFICIALS WITH WHOM U.S. WOULD LIKE TO MEET.

B. UNDERLYING FOREGOING IS FACT, WHICH D'ARCEY STRESSED, OF HOW THINLY AUSTRALIAN OFFICIALS INTIMATELY INVOLVED WITH 1979 WARC PREPARATIONS ARE SPREAD. COMMITTEE EIGHT OF INTERNAL AUSTRALIAN STRUCTURE, WHICH HANDLES TABLE OF ALLOCATIONS, HAS ONLY THREE MEMBERS: PETER BARNES

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(CHAIRMAN), AN ENGINEER; D'ARCEY, A REGULATORY EXPERT;  
JOHN LEWIS, A YOUNG ENGINEER BEING GROOMED FOR ADVANCEMENT.  
(OF THESE, ONLY BARNES IS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND SPM.)

C. MELBOURNE'S 827, JUST RECEIVED, SEEMS TO INDICATE  
THAT IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, SECOND ROUND COULD BE HELD  
IN AUGUST, THE LATER IN THAT MONTH THE BETTER.  
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